

BOERS SEEM CHECKED

Kitchener Cables South African After Hearing Boer Reply

TELLS OF SURROUNDING BOTH

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LATER DISPATCH MENTIONS BRITISH TOWN

Explains that it Was Occupied by Boers' Western Column.

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LONDON, Dec. 23.—The War office received the following dispatch from Lord Kitchener, dated Pretoria, December 22: "As far as it is possible for me to form an opinion from the reports of officers on the spot I think the Boer movement into Cape Colony has been checked. Of the two forces that entered the colony the eastern is still north of the Soutpansberg range, while the one that entered the west appears to have been turned in the direction of Britstown and Prieska. Our troops are getting around both bodies and a special column is also being organized which will be dispatched immediately when I know where its services are most wanted. The Boers have received much assistance in Cape Colony as far as my information goes. We have armed some of the colonists, who are assisting our forces. Railway and telegraph communication has been much interrupted by the very bad weather.

"I was in the neighborhood of Senekal. General French, in conjunction with General Clements, attacked a force under Beyer south of the Magaliesberg. The Boers broke away in a westerly direction toward Potchefstroom and were followed by General Gordon with a column of French's force.

"Yesterday evening about 5 o'clock Clements' force was engaged south of Olliphants nek, but I do not yet know the results."

Sends Later Dispatch. A later dispatch from Lord Kitchener, dated Pretoria, December 22, says: "The western column of Boers occupied Britstown and cut the railway south of De Aar junction.

"The enemy is being followed up. General French has been in contact for two days with the commandos of Beyer and Delarey south of the Magaliesberg. He is pursuing them. The enemy have lost considerably and Commandant Kreuz and others have been captured.

"General Cullinan engaged two separate commandos on December 21 near Viakfontein with slight losses, the enemy retreating."

SAYS DEWEET IS DOING IT ALL

Bethulle Correspondent Writes that the General is Alone Responsible for Phenomenal Resistance.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Lord Kitchener's dispatches, breathing a confidence hardly justified by their contents, are the only available news from the seat of hostilities in South Africa, but telegrams from Capetown depict the situation in anything but rosy tints. Without believing the assertion of the Transvaal agency in Brussels that 6,000 Boers have invaded Cape Colony, it is quite evident that the invasion was a serious and well planned affair.

In connection with this correspondent sends this extremely interesting letter, dated Bethulle, December 12, describing Dewet and his doings.

Dewet has never been taken seriously enough. It is of little use to pursue him, as he fights a guerrilla war, and gains twenty miles while you lose one. He is a born military genius whose wonderful powers have kept up this phenomenal resistance.

Once he falls, the whole thing could be crushed in a fortnight. He is a single man, and under his supervision. All his tactics and columns march and counter-march on his own initiative. His strength is his command. The sooner the British rid themselves of the idea that Dewet's forces are invincible, the sooner they will be able to capture him.

The Cape Colony cabinet had an important sitting yesterday (Sunday). It appears that the Boers have destroyed a railway bridge twelve miles north of Cape Town and no Cape mails have arrived at Bloemfontein for three days.

Further anxiety has been caused in Capetown by the discovery that during the last month public bodies in out of the way places have requisitioned supplies of dynamite. The colonial government is now endeavoring to recover possession of these explosives and is removing all stores of arms and ammunition from suspected depots.

Other advices from Capetown report the Dutch element in Cape Colony as greatly elated over the southward progress of the Boers and are boasting that the whole district of Victoria West will join the raiders. It is suspected in Capetown that the force traveling from Zoutpansberg is not a body of Boers, but one of colonials, hastening to join the invaders.

The Pietmaritzburg correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "The Boers are active between Johannesburg and Pretoria, exchanging shots with the British outposts, and it is reported that parties of Boers are hovering around Johannesburg."

Accepts American Bids. SANTIAGO, Chile, Dec. 23.—The government of Chile, which recently invited tenders for 400 freight cars, has accepted 300 from Deere & Co., and 100 from W. H. Grace & Co., all of American manufacture.

Postoffice Clerks Suspended. ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 23.—The postoffice inspectors have been diligently but secretly at work for two weeks probing irregularities in the postoffice. Three of the oldest clerks in the service on charges of irregularities, mail matters, and patronage of the office, were suspended today by the postmaster general that they could not regularly get publications that were being sent them, and asked for an investigation. The crime is punishable by imprisonment.

Kills His Father to Save His Mother. CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—To shield his mother from abuse and save himself from a beating with a poker, Albert Albertson today shot and killed his father at their home in Westchester, Ala. Albert, who is 23 years old, was arrested.

Movements of Ocean Vessels Dec. 23. NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Sailed: Uller, Stavanger; Etruria, Liverpool.

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CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 23.—The expected imperial trade authorizing the signing of the contract for the construction of a cruiser for the Ottoman navy with the Cramp Shipbuilding company, together with the initial deposit of \$100,000 has not yet been issued.

It appears that the German embassy has protested to the port against the payment to the Cramps before the amount owing to Herr Krupp for naval guns has been paid.

WHY ROUMANIA DECLINED IT

Russia Proffered Loan Turned Down Because It Endangered Little Country's Independence.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—"Russia offered Roumania a loan of sixteen millions," says the Vienna correspondent of the Daily Express, "to assist her in the financial crisis, but the offer was declined because Roumania feared that it would undermine Roumanian independence."

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Can't Not to Move Yet. ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 23.—The correspondent of the Associated Press was informed by one of the ministers of state this afternoon that Emperor Nicholas and the ministers of finance, war and foreign affairs do not expect to leave Livadia, where the emperor is convalescing, before the middle of January.

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"There is nothing whatever to the story," said the archbishop. "Such a thing was not mentioned by the president nor by anyone else in the government. If I should ever visit the islands—and I have no present intention of doing so—it would be purely on my own account."

The archbishop said that his principal object in visiting Washington had been to attend a meeting of the Lafayette Monument association.

"We found that after paying all the expenses of erecting the bronze statue in Paris," he said, "we still had on hand \$30,000. We also decided to duplicate the statue in Washington. The cost of the other American city, provided an additional amount can be raised. The matter will be definitely settled at a meeting to be held in Chicago early in January."

In Chicago I attended a meeting of the Monument Association. The society voted to erect a monument to Father Marquette at Point St. Ignace on the north shore of the Mackinac straits, from which the point explorer set out in 1673 on his voyage which resulted in the discovery of the upper Mississippi. The monument will cost \$30,000, but the design has not as yet been selected, nor has a sculptor been determined on."

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